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instructing execution of functions, a function assigning device for assigning a desired function to an execution key 9, and a function executing device for executing a function assigned to an execution key 9 in response to a pressing of the execution key 9.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3 by rewriting same to read as follows:

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--1. (Amended) A portable telephone for executing predetermined functions selected from hierarchically structured menus, the telephone comprising:

a plurality of dedicated execution keys for instructing execution of the predetermined functions;

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function assigning means for assigning one of the predetermined functions desired to one of the plurality of execution keys; and

function executing means for executing the predetermined function assigned to the execution key in response to a pressing of the execution key.

--2. (Amended) The portable telephone according to Claim 1, comprising display means for displaying predetermined information, wherein the plurality of execution keys is provided near the display means; and

the display means displays symbols representing the